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A VIRILE ORGANISATION.

The Eastern Suburbs Junior Association is a virile organisation and is proving a valuable adjunct to the code.

The Association's offer to the Commonwealth Association to entertain the Englishmen at dinner on June 3rd, after the match, at Bondi Hotel, was readily accepted.

After the dinner, the visitors will be the Association's guests at the Bondi Casino, where elaborate arrangements have been drafted for their diversion. Dancing will be indulged in and a grand gala night, with all incidentals has been arranged.

RECEPTION TO ENGLISH MEN.

The English Tour Sub-Committee decided at its last meeting accord the English team a welcome in the Sydney Town Hall on May 28th, the evening of their arrival in Sydney.

There will be community singing of popular airs with wording suitable for the occasion interspersed with short addresses by prominent public men.

A souvenir programme will be prepared and admission is fixed at 1/-. The committee desires the co-operation of clubs in the disposal of tickets, which will be made available to the general public.

Specially engaged artists will contribute items, and a big attendance of Soccer supporters is expected to extend a fitting welcome to our distinguished visitors.

It was originally intended to have the customary official reception, but as invitations to such functions are necessarily limited and as various club officials have expressed a desire to meet the select of England, the public welcome is regarded as ideal for the fulfilment of a typical Australian rally to express appreciation to our overseas confreres.

A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. W. J. Lincoln (President M.S.F.A.), C. P. Dixon (Treasurer N.S.W.S.F.A.), and Howard (M.S.F.A.), and S. L. (P.S.A.A.A.) has the matter in hand.

An appeal is made to all players, officials and supporters to give their practical support to the project and thus ensure success.

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THE PARTISANS.

A DIFFICULT TASK

It is contended by an influential body of sportsmen that people who watch our Soccer games are at a comparative dead end in their ignorance of the rules, especially those relating to offside. It probably would be impossible to definitely state the percentage of the 50 per cent. of the crowd who thoroughly understand the science of a successful referee. Few will disagree with the statement, but nevertheless 50 per cent. of the attendance at a football match will argue that they know the rules thoroughly. They are just as qualified to express an opinion upon the play as the referee or critic who has devoted weeks over a score of years to the work. So much for the knowledge of football enthusiasts.

It may appear, however, that the average football onlooker gets a great deal out of wrangling over the club partisan, or the referee, rather than endeavoring to master the rules and cleverly-execute the movements of virile forwards and stalwart defenders. These are exceedingly well acquainted with the rules, but their own self-opinion make them the arbiters of any views they may have on their own impressions. The referee's decisions are incalculable trouble to the referee, at whom they are usually directed.

The various organisations of the game have set a high standard for the referee. It must be conceded that the referee will be made easier and possibly will stimulate a desire on the part of retiring players to con-

tinued active participation in a pastime in which stamina, judgment, restraint and cohesion are the distinguishing characteristics.

It is regrettable, perhaps, that first-class referees have not increased in recent years in manner commensurate with the progress of the game in other departments. At the best, the position is an unenviable one. Personality is an important factor. Strength of character, alertness, speed and decisiveness are essentials in the make-up of a successful referee, contemporaneous with the development of the faculty of viewing the most exciting episodes and quickly changing phases of the game with equanimity.

For the big games ahead with the Englishmen, careful selection of officials is imperative. There are sure to be differences of opinion with Home players and Australian referees on certain phases of the rules. But remedial measures in this direction are easily applied. The English manager, Mr. John Lewis, is recognised as the greatest authority in the administration of the rules, so that, after a reasonable period, any Australian interpretation which is contrary to his well-considered judgment may be readily adjusted.

In the appointment of referees for the International games, it cannot be too strongly emphasised that, irrespective of any sectional locality claims, the most proficient be given preference.

What is really wanted in regard to football crowds is the development of the real spirit of sport and of the generous outlook. When this is attained, the task of the referee will be made easier and possibly will stimulate a desire on the part of retiring players to con-

tinued active participation in a pastime in which stamina, judgment, restraint and cohesion are the distinguishing characteristics.

SOCCER TROPHY.

For New Zealand.

Mr. Clegg, the chairman of the Football Association (England), has presented to the Australasian representative, Mr. Gibbs, a handsome trophy for transmission to the New Zealand Association similar to those presented to South Africa, Australia, and Canada.

Mr. Clegg said, in presenting the trophy, that it carried with it the best wishes of the council for the success of the game in New Zealand, and the prosperity of its governing body.

He regretted the team now on its way to Australia was unable to visit New Zealand, but it was possible that the New Zealanders' wishes might be met on future occasions.

Mr. Gibbs, in accepting the trophy, re-echoed this regret, and said the fact had caused profound disappointment. On behalf of New Zealand he accepted the trophy with gratitude.

PLAY TO WIN

You must be physically fit to give of your best in any sport, and in football especially fitness plays a very important part. Mr. Langridge trained the famous New Zealand Soccer Team, the British Rugby League Team, and the Australian Teams last year. This Season appointed Official Trainer to the Football Association of Australia, N.S.W. S.F.A., and M.S.F.A., to prepare teams to meet the Englishmen. Two training nights now open. £1/1/- for ten weeks each night. Reduced fees for Clubs. B4578.

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THE ENGLISH TEAM.

Interesting Article in "Sydney Morning Herald."

(By Harold Lewis)

London, March 12.

By the time these lines appear an English Association football team 18 strong will have left the Old Country to tour Australia. Thus another milestone in the spreading of an important milestone of all. Touring teams have in the past started the dribbling code enthusiasm in Continental countries where it was previously almost unknown. Football is ousting bull-fighting in Spain, and it has created a love of sport in Germany. To America it has gone, to Canada, to South Africa, South America, even to China and Japan. Now at long last, Australia asks. I am wondering, as I write, what will be the result? Will "Soccer" come back upon us like a boomerang? Is it possible that in a few years' time Australia will send her team, a team with new ideas, that will shake us from our self-satisfaction as her cricketers have done? It is not impossible.

Of the 18 players 17 are professionals—the only amateur is Caesar, the half-back of Dulwich Hamlet, and an amateur international. But you have accepted Hobbs and Sutcliffe, and many before them, as sportsmen to the same degree as Douglas and Gilligan, and you will accept these footballers in the same spirit. In truth, they are sportsmen.

Style.

As to style, it would have been better, if possible, to send a complete club team. There is a general English style, as distinct from the Scottish, but many English clubs have their variations. I would have liked Australia to see a good Aston Villa side, or Bolton Wanderers, for theirs is the English ideal. The fundamental principle is team-understanding, highly cultivated. You will see the ball travel in one rhythmic movement from right-back to left half, left half to inside right, inside right to outside left, and thence into the goalmouth—long, accurate passes, each placed at a distance forward, and at a speed so that the receiver can just reach it. Half-backs are a second wave of the attack, yet a first line of defence. Every man covers his partner in every movement, and

so the whole team links up. All these men are English, and have the English style, but it is a fact that the Scottish style, graceful and delightful though it is to watch, with its short ground passing, delicate triangular movements, intricate and bewildering lacework, is becoming a thing of the past. In these days of speed and scientifically obstructive defence it is no longer effective. But although our football is much of a type, the individual football is much of a type, the individual can never be, and that is a thing to be thankful for. There is no forward in the country like John Elkes, the Tottenham Hotspur inside left. An extraordinary man is Elkes. Over six feet tall, yet slim almost to thinness, he has a most ungainly lope, like the amble of the old hack. He moves with long strides, the ball so close under him that he always appears to be on the verge of falling over. You think he has overrun the ball, and will fall one way—so does his opponent. But he sways another. You think the ball is beyond him. But his long, sprawling leg just reaches it. You think he is slow, but the man he has beaten never sees him again in that movement. Indeed, a very awkward customer in both senses of the word is John Elkes. He is probably worth all of £4000, but you wouldn't give twopenny for him at first sight. His wing partner, Seymour, of Newcastle United, another £4000 player, is the nearest approach to a Scot in the side. He crossed the border to learn his football, and a dazzling player he is. Very fast and tricky, he is one of the few great wingers that can "give the dummy" to the outside, cut inwards at great speed, and score a goal. I shall never forget the goal he scored against Aston Villa in the Cup final at Wembley last April, the goal that sealed the victory.

Typical Players.

Billy Williams, the forward of West Ham United (the "Hammers," whose war cry, "Up! the Irons!" arose from their origin as Thames Ironworkers), is a mere boy, but a clever one. A school-boy international, he is now under 20 years, but well built. He is a Londoner, and, incidentally, his singing is worth hearing.

Graham, of Milwall, another Londoner, is entirely the right man for Australia to see. Also a youngster, he was "capped" for England this season, and typifies

the ideal in half-back play, though a brilliant defender, being between his opposing pair without studiousness. His single thought is to get the ball to his forwards. Like good half-backs, he takes risks, backing up an attack he has started, relying greatly on his back to hold a break-away. It is an essential element of ball as it should be played.

W. Caesar, the Dulwich teur, is a bulky boy. He belongs in the old-fashioned stuff—charge. Nothing pleases him more than to grass his man in a square tussle. But in football in his boots. For he is lumbering a fellow, his legs are exquisitely neat and quick. The red-haired Poynton, a spur full-back, will derive benefit from this tour, for he is still a lad with much to learn. But a plucky boy, if ever was one.

On the whole, the team is a very fair representation of English football in all its phases. It is not an international strength, though there are international players among them. But their success will depend to a very great extent upon the type of ground which they have to play. We have so much rain here (it is raining even as I write!) that it is seldom that a hard pitch, and consequent bouncing ball, is countered. Some of our players like the ground to be soft and yielding, without being too deep. Others prefer it ankle deep. I have never met a footballer who was at his best on a cast-iron pitch. If Australians want to see English at their best they must pray for rain. We would share our packet.

A word about the manager, John Lewis. He is 50 years of age this month, a grand old man, one of the original pioneers of the game. Exactly 50 years ago he gathered a band of enthusiasts and formed a club, which was Blackburn Rovers. Their manager must surely have reached tipodes. He was their first secretary, played for them in the early days when players wore longish trousers and longer moustaches (for preference), and spent years as one of the ablest players that ever lived, and has since the council of the Football Association for 24 years. A sharp-witted little piece of Lancashire is John Lewis.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Selectors' Difficult Task.

The various selection committees have a most difficult duty to perform in choosing the teams to battle to the dons of England due to the galaxy of talent coming for the Metropolitan, Tasmanian and Australian sides.

The South Welshmen are keen on maintaining the hardly won position of Soccer champions of the Commonwealth, and the various controlling organisations have made elaborate plans to ensure the players selected will be in the best fit condition to uphold the State's prestige.

The State Association has already chosen 29 players to receive training and tuition in modern organisation and tactics. This will materially enhance our level of success against such capable opponents as the Englishmen are expected to be.

A suggestion that the team be selected four weeks prior to the game against New South Wales on May 30th at the Agricultural Ground is fully appreciated by the officials conducting the tour, but the great expense involved in the region of £1000) and the difficulty experienced by many in securing leave from work prevents the consummation of the ideal. Therefore, the absence of sectional training unopposed by F. Langridge, of the Langford School of Physical Culture, must be noted. It is confidently expected that our representatives will make the field in the pink of form to endeavour to subdue the well versed in the technique of Soccer.

and glorified and inspired by the occasion our players may rise to the level of Englishmen in a game that is bristling with exciting action and produce footer of a high class type.

Metropolitan Selectors' Choice.

The Metropolitan Selectors, Messrs W. Carroll, W. Lincoln, J. Storey, J. F. Black and W. Langridge, have selected the eleven players to commence training at Langridge's Physical Culture School next Thursday evening. Tuesday and Thursday sessions are set aside as training days each week.

The Metropolitan match against the Englishmen takes place on the Agricultural Ground on June 3rd.

ENCOURAGING SPORT

Firm Helps their Employees.

The management of the firm of Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd., Engineers, Regent's Park, have notified the employees that they have decided to donate trophies for football and cricket.

The employees at a general meeting suggested that the trophies so kindly donated should be in the form of shields and medals for football and cricket. The shields to be for annual competition and a set of medals to be awarded to the winners of each competition.

A committee of six, with Mr C. R. Brown, Works Superintendent, as chairman, and Mr. J. Rayner as Secretary, has been appointed to conduct the football competition. The competition will consist of eight teams of seven players and a coach each, and will be conducted on the same lines as the Association, 2 points being allotted for a win and 1 point for a draw.

A start has been made with the football, and up to the present the first series has just been completed.

The matches are played during the lunch hour, two days being allowed for a match; the playing field is adjacent to the works and is complete in every detail with the exception of goal nets. At each match there is an attendance of about 300 spectators. This

The selectors reserve the right to withdraw or add other players' names to the training list should circumstances warrant such action. The final selection will be made after the New South Wales engagement on May 30th.

The following are the Metropolitan selection:—

Full-backs: S. Montgomery (Gladesville-Ryde), Sid. Robinson (Pymont).

Half-backs: J. Fisher (Balmmain), J. Tranter (St. George) J. Hele (Granville).

Forwards: H. Winter (Granville), J. Marsh (St. George), S. Alewood (Canterbury), E. Waldon (Granville), J. Burcham (Pymont), H. Robertson (Gladesville-Ryde).

This will give the Metropolitan selectors 22 players to select from, as already 11 players have been invited to train by the State Association.

perhaps is due to the spirited games, or to the early approach of the English Soccer team, many of the players thinking that they will be sure of selection to represent New South Wales.

The majority of the audience, which is larger than that of some of the first grade games, would not have taken the slightest notice of the competition, had not the added attraction of the trophies been in the balance. This means that Soccer football is receiving a boost in one place at least.

The teams are coached by old-time players, some of whom have represented this State at various times, and others who have been professionals in their younger days. In addition to this the games are controlled by efficient referees, one of whom is Mr. C. R. Brown, at present a member of the Sydney Referees' Association, so that the enthusiasts are treated to matches which are not only controlled properly, but are clean and sportsmanlike.

There is not the slightest doubt that the employees are indeed grateful to the management for their generosity and forethought in providing the means whereby the various competitions are enabled to be held.

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JAS. RAYNER,
Hon. Secretary.

THEY TELL ME.

Basterfield, East's new winger, looks like becoming a champion. He played in first-class style last Saturday.

Big things are expected by Pymont followers of Cohen, the blues right half. He is a gifted player, and can fill the positions right or left winger without any trouble.

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Programme

CANTERBURY v. BALMAIN

FIRST GRADE—EASTON PARK, 3.15 p.m.

CANTERBURY.

(Blue and Gold Stripes)

Goal:

T. BAILEY

1—J. HERRON	2—W. BROWN
3—E. LOVERIDGE	4—A. MANUEL
7—G. PLATT	9—R. BENNETT
6—A. BURNS	8—A. ALEWOOD
	10—GR

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8—C. BRENNAN	9—H. McLEOD	12—F. BAXTE
7—W. BUTTEL	6—J. SINCLAIR	10—F. HANCO
5—F. GALLAN	11—R. WHITE	4—G. STOR
	3—J. FISHER	

2—J. DRISCOLL 1—R. LEADBETTER.

H. SIMMONS

Goal:

BALMAIN

(Black and Gold Halves)

(Two to be omitted from Balmain's Team)

SECOND GRADE — 1.45 p.m.

CANTERBURY.

Goal:

FOLSTER

11—CLARKE	12—LANG
13—McLAREN	14—READ
17—HORAN	19—GOULD
16—GRAY	20—SARCHFI

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23—H. WATSON	24—E. HEYMAR	21—W. C
25—R. WARNS	18—N. WHITE	22—S. CUNNINGE
	(One to be omitted)	
17—S. JELFS	16—L. JELFS	15—W. FERGU
14—J. PALMER		13—H. BRIDGE

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FIRST GRADE——IBROX PARK, 3.15 p.m.

PYRMONT

(Blue)

Goal:
GREAGG

1—BOURKE

2—S. ROBINSON

COHEN

4—CRAWFORD

5—GRAHAME

7—C. TIMMS

9—N. KELLY

EDWARDS

8—J. McCARTHY

10—W. WATSON

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OSBORNE

8—L. BRISBANE

11—A. WRIGHT

9—J. BURCHAM

7—G. TURNER

LAMBERT

4—J. WATSON

3—GRAHAM

2—A. FISHER

1—J. CRUM

G. CARTWRIGHT

Goal:

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT.

(Black)

SECOND GRADE——IBROX PARK, 1.45 p.m.

PYRMONT

Goal:

W. CRAWFORD

11—J. BLACK

12—J. SHEPLEY

HILL

14—W. BROAD

15—T. COLLINS

17—E. RICHARDS

19—H. FODEN

ADAMSON

18—E. CHILDS

20—M. WELLS

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RYAN

19—BIRCH

17—J. GIGG

20—OWEN

18—PARK

STOREY

15—DOWNING

14—A. CRUM

13—WATSON

12—SIMMS

WYLLIE

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RIGBY

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17—C. DRYDEN

18—A. GRAY

MILLER

22—C. HART

DEESTRE

21—J. BASHALL 23—L. HART

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19—L. GAPES

17—R. DUNN

WILLIAMS

18—M. LEABEATER

LABURY

15—E. RIGBY

14—T. RITCHIE

RAINBRIDGE

12—W. STEVENS

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That J. E. Davidson keeps goal for Sheffield Wednesday, and was England's goalkeeper three seasons ago. He has few peers.

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That in the forward division lies England's strength. Forshaw, Elkes and Seymour are regarded as the three finest dribblers in England.

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That London clubs are well represented. The team is strong in attack, and many of the players are capable of brilliant individualism.

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That climatic conditions will easily be conquered by men in whom the British spirit of adventure is fully developed.

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That R. Turnbull, of Bradford is an International forward, and that his clever footwork, body-swerving, trapping of the ball and intelligence in taking up position will delight Australian crowds.

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That G. Seymour, of Newcastle United, has scored more goals than any other English outside left, and that the hard grounds of Australia will advantage the speedy winger. His centres are a pattern of accuracy, and every shot in on the target.

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That S. Charlton, T. Whittaker and C. Poynton have the reputation of playing a sound, defensive game, and have won honors in recent big games. Safe kickers, valiant tacklers and adept tacticians, the English trio have plenty of weight to back their argument. Their total weight is 35st. 7lbs.

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OPEN LETTER.

Answer to E. Bannister.

Dear Friend,—

No, you are not intruding, and I might say, suggestions are always welcome. Yes, last Saturday's win was a great victory, also our last win on the 25th. I am of the same opinion as you, that more juniors are wanted, but you do not say where they are to be found. I believe in all of our Practice and Trials matches, we tried out more than 40 of our Juniors. How to keep our winning position, and do as you suggest is a problem for our selection committee, who, I might say, are a capable body of men who have the interest of the club, and the betterment of the code in general, at heart.

I should like to draw your attention to the Selection Committee of N.S.W. in the choosing of their players to go into training re the representative team. As you peruse the list, you will find that your suggestion might just as well be given to them. But they would tell you the same as I—you must start somewhere. "Something attempted, something

done." The right is reserved to add or eliminate as form closes. Personally, I think we are putting young players (Juniors) in first grade, much to the loss of Stan Anderson is not available this season, which makes him a year in the code, and you suggest more juniors are required in the same line suggest in the oldest player in the district. Jimmy Herron, as you know, has been a great player, and that he is still one of the best you can find one to take his place, you will be doing your district a great favor. But when the team work would be improved if S. Anderson or Loveridge were appointed captain, I cannot agree with you. J. Herron knows more about field work than any in the team, or any likely to be included. Then again, the nominated Jimmy (captain) is not himself.

In conclusion, I should suggest that you come to our next meeting and hear what these juniors that you suggest should be included, and to get Canterbury back to the war standard.

Yours, etc.

W. H. TURNER

REFEREE'S CIGARETTE.

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of the Somerset County
Association.

affiliated club, Woolaving-
explained of the referee in
a match smoking a cigarette
field of play, and the pre-
of the association, Mr. C.
in, in dismissing the pro-
scribed the objection as
frivolous. He pointed
there was no law against

Official Disapproval.

the ruling was brought
office of Mr. F. J. Wall, the
of the Football Associa-
expressed surprise.
"no doubt whatever," he
that we should disapprove
referee smoking during the
of a match. In fact, if
were made to us we
prohibit the practice of re-
linesmen smoking while
g in a game.
referee did such a thing
tch under the auspices of
ball Association, I would
ed, and I am sure he
do it a second time."

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GLADESVILLE-RYDE v. ST. GEORGE

FIRST GRADE ——— 3.15 p.m.

St. George Sports Ground

ST. GEORGE

(Red and White Stripes)

Goal:

L. EVANS

1—G. SMART

2—J. MURRAY

3—R. CHISWELL (Capt.)

4—J. TRANTER 5—J. PICKEN

7—C. HAYES

9—W. GLACHEN

6—A. LAVENDER 8—J. H. WEEKS 10—F. L. MELLIAR-SMITH

O

(Team not available)

Goal:

GLADESVILLE-RYDE

(Maroon)

SECOND GRADE ——— 1.45 p.m.

GLADESVILLE-RYDE

Goal:

(Team not available)

O

(Team not available)

Goal:

ST. GEORGE

DON'T MISS

THE ENGLISH MATCHES

At The Show Ground, Sydney

v. N.S.W., May 30th and June 8th

v. Australia, July 4th and July 18th

WHAT WE SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW?

Has the district scheme come to stay, and will it help us to make nurseries, so that juniors possessed of speed, agility, and pluck can be trained into a perfect footballer for our first grade?

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How many players nowadays can trap a ball practically dead with the foot, or at least deaden it sufficiently to take it on, in one stride. How many makes the stomach play a more important part to-day in trapping a ball than the foot was wont to do? What has become of the old triangular system of passing?

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How many players know how to place the feet in order to effectively back heel the ball?

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Why is it that the ball is so much in the air nowadays, in most matches?

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(A few years ago it was the rule to keep the ball on the ground, and if half-backs had in those days sent forwards the aerial passes, they are expected to take to-day. Would not something have been said?)

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Are these methods adopted?

The method of tuition, embracing the individual player, how to take balls coming to him from every conceivable position. How to trap a ball nearly dead, leaving just sufficient "life" in the ball to enable the player to get away with it in one stride. When and how to dribble, when to pass at the critical moment? How to keep the ball low (in passing and shooting). How to head a ball correct.

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Is it in the individualism or collective skill that these methods are so valuable?

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Is football skill a gift, or can it be taught and acquired?

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Are we spoiling the Juniors in bringing him into first grade too soon?

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What are we doing to help the Juniors in this respect. Are we trying to find out what is lacking, and how improvements could be effected?

CLUB LEAGUE

DRAW FOR SEASON.

Second Series—A Division.

Annandale v Balmain Colliery.
North Sydney v Auburn.
Sunlight v Lane Cove.
Callan Park v Pyrmont.

Division B.

Botany Albions v Eastern Suburbs
Bankstown v G. R. Holcombe, Ltd.
Alexandria v Royal Aust. Navy.

Third Series—A Division.

Annandale v Auburn.
Balmain Colliery v Lane Cove.
North Sydney v Pyrmont.
Sunlight v Callan Park.

B Division.

Botany Albion v G. R. Holcombe, Ltd.
Eastern Suburbs v R. Aust. Navy.
Bankstown v Alexandria.

Fourth Series—A Division.

Annandale v Lane Cove.
Auburn v Pyrmont.
Balmain Colliery v Callan Park.
North Sydney v Sunlight.

B Division.

Botany Albion v R. Aust. Navy.
G. R. Holcombe, Ltd. v Alexandria.
Eastern Suburbs v Bankstown.

Fifth Series—A Division.

Annandale v Pyrmont.
Lane Cove v Callan Park.
Auburn v Sunlight.
Balmain Colliery v North Sydney.

B Division.

Botany Albion v Alexandria.
R. Aust. Navy v Bankstown.
G. R. Holcombe Ltd. v E. Suburbs.

Sixth Series—A Division.

Annandale v Callan Park.
Pyrmont v Sunlight.
Lane Cove v North Sydney.
Auburn v Balmain Colliery.

Seventh Series—A Division.

Annandale v Sunlight.
Callan Park v North Sydney.
Pyrmont v Balmain Colliery.
Lane Cove v Auburn.

REFEREES WANTED.

The Sydney Referees' Association are in need of individuals competent to officiate in competition games.

Players retiring from active participation are earnestly appealed to for support in assisting to control games.

Applications should be made to Mr. E. E. Jones, Hon. Secretary, Sports Club, Hunter St., Sydney.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

FIRST GRADE.

Balmain v Canterbury, E. Park, 3.15.
Eastern Suburbs v Gran Agricultural Ground, 3.15.
Gladesville-Ryde v St. George George Sports Ground.
Pyrmont v Annandale-Leichbrox Park, 3.15.

SECOND GRADE.

Matches will be played as games on same grounds as Grade at 1.45 p.m.

CLUB LEAGUE.

Division A.

Annandale v Balmain Colliery, E. Park, 1.45.
North Sydney v Auburn, E. Park, 3.15.
Sunlight v Lane Cove, T. Park, 3.15.
Callan Park v Pyrmont, C. Park, 2.15.

Division B.

Botany Albion v Eastern Suburbs, B. Park, 3.15.
Bankstown v G. R. Holcombe, B. Park, 3.15.
Alexandria v Royal Australian Navy, Erskineville Park,

JOTTINGS.

The success achieved thus far in the season consequent on introduction of the District Scheme is sufficient answer to critics. Record gates, improved play, diligent club officials, keen players—what more required.

Granville Club is going to more seating accommodation at Clyde Oval. If the brilliant already witnessed are repeated in subsequent games, the will not be required, as the tators will always be on the to applaud dazzling play.

Players are reminded that before a transfer to another can be obtained, personal attention to the Management Committee is essential. The written consent of the Club in whose the applicant resides is required.

The Council of the M meets on Monday night at the Sports Club. Representative badges will be presented by President Lincoln.

Protestant Churches Association

ENCLOSED GROUND.

After considerable discussion, your M.C. decided not to proceed with the securing of an enclosed ground at St. Peters.

R. LEWIS, Esq.

R. Lewis, Esq., has, owing to force of circumstances, been compelled to resign from management. His services will be missed.

RESULT OF MATCHES.

Clubs should see that the results of matches are phoned to Pet. 1988 between 6 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

P.C.R. ASSOCIATION.

The 3rd annual meeting was held on 23rd inst. The report and balance sheet disclosed a satisfactory state of affairs.

The following officers were elected:—President, R. A. Brydie, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, S. Crutchley and J. T. Robinson; Hon. Secretary, L. Scott, of "Jesmond," Abergeldie Street, Dulwich Hill; Asst. Hon. Secretary, R. H. Jackson; Representative on M.C., J. T. Robinson; and delegate to P.C. S.F.A., Mr. H. Moss.

It was mentioned that members intended to be very strict regarding language, both on and off the field, and that no warnings would be given.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES' SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Draw for Saturday, 9th May, 1925

First Grade

Drummoyne Bapt. v Alex. Mission A, on Botany No. 1, at 3.15.
St. Clements v All Saints A, Wardell Road No. 2, 3.15.

Pymont Congs. v St. Johns Bal. A, Wardell Rd. No. 1, 3.15.
Holy Trinity A v Austens, Leichhardt Flat, 3.15.

2nd Grade A Division.

Tempe Park Meth. v Marrickville Pres. A, Cook's River No. 1, at 3.15.
Canterbury Meth. v St. Andrews, Wardell Road No. 1, 1.45.
Hurlstone Park Congs. v Lakemba Congs. A, Lakemba, 3 p.m.
Marrickville Bapt. v Central Concord Meth., Concord, 3 p.m.

2nd Grade B Division.

St. Bartholomews v Enmore K.S.P. on Centen. Park No. 1, at 3.15.
Campsie Meth. A v Holy Trinity B, Campsie, 3.15.
City Mission v Botany Meth. A Botany No. 1, 1.45.
Alex. Mission B v St. Peters K.S.P. on Cook's River No. 1, 1.45.

2nd Grade C Division.

St. Aidans v St. Stephens, on Wardell Rd. No. 3, at 1.45.
All Souls v St. Albans Dar., Centennial Park No. 2, 3.15.
Croydon Congs. A v Leichhardt Meth., Croydon, 3.15.
All Saints B v St. Johns Glebe, Wardell Road No. 3, 3.15.

3rd Grade A Division.

St. Aidans B v St. Thomas A, on Wardell Road No. 4, 1.45.
Austens Jnrs. v M'kville Pres., on Leichhardt Flat, 1.45.
St. Bedes v Annandale Meths., Wardell Road No. 4, 3.15.
St. Johns Bal. B v Balmain Meths., Centen. Pk. No. 2, 1.45.
Balmain Meths. v Lakemba Congs. B, Wardell Road No. 3, 1.45.

3rd Grade B Division.

Botany Pres. v St. James, on Botany No. 2, at 1.45.
Croydon Congs. B v Hurlstone Pk. Meth., Croydon, 1.45.
Campsie Meth. B v Botany Meth. B, Campsie, 1.45.
St. Thomas B v St. Silas, Centennial Park No. 1, 1.45.
Campsie Congs. the bye.

we kick off to-day. Though very early, some great games should be witnesses.

Cook's River No. 1, Pymont (who come from the home), will try conclusions with Alex. Mission A (last year's runners up in first grade). The result of teams are very similar in 1924, so a first-class match result, with honors even. Crutchley will have control of game.

Saints A (who have got a good combination together) will oppose Holy Trinity A (last year's 2nd grade premiers), at Wardell Road. After this game it is thought the Saints should get home. Austens (last year's premiers) will meet St. Johns A (1924 premiers), on Leichhardt Flat. It is thought last year's premiers will have the better of this match.

Hurlstone Park Congs. and St. Aidans Pres. A should provide the best game in 2nd grade.

There will be the scene of a struggle when Campsie (runners-up in St. Johns branch) meet St. Bartholomews (last year's 3rd grade).

St. Johns Meth. A should be able to beat Alex. Mission B. St. Aidans and St. Aidans A will meet in 2nd grade C.

St. Johns Congs A, St. Johns B, and All Saints B should be the best.

St. Johns look like having an edge during the season under Thomas A can hold them.

3rd Grade B Division will be the best game. St. Silas and Hurlstone Park Meth. appear to be the best chances.

CENTENNIAL PARK..

Enclosures are being made and players must use any player dressing in the enclosure will be liable.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS.

The new Hon. Secretary of Ryde Junior Association is Mr. T. C. Wilkinson, who has taken over the duties previously carried on by Mr. W. D. Ephgrave.

Mr. E. E. Jones, well known to many as an ardent supporter of Juniors in years past, has taken over the presidency of the M.J.F.A.

Mr. W. Allerton has been elected Hon. Secretary of the Granville Association; he was previously Assistant Secretary. Bill is an ardent worker for the junior cause, and represents his Association in the Junior Board of Control.

Mr. Fred. Haynes for the past two seasons a hard worker for junior football on the management committee of the M.J.F.A., is the first Hon. Secretary of the newly-formed Association in Eastern Suburbs. Their President, Mr. W. Robertson, also served in the same capacity for many seasons, and also represented the juniors on the M.C. of the M.S.F.A.

The newly-elected Hon. Treasurer of the M.J.S.F.A. is Mr. Geo. Harget, for many years a member of the Sydney Referees' Association, in which capacity he occupied a seat on the committee of the Junior Association.

Jack Fitzgibbon, who assisted Mr. F. C. Packer, the late Hon. Secretary of the M.J.S.A., and succeeded him in office, has again been re-elected, his assistant being Mr. Alex Robinson, both ardent workers of juniors for many years. They will undoubtedly lead their Association successfully through one of their arduous seasons for some years.

JUNIOR BOARD OF CONTROL.

The delegates of the various Associations to the Board for the present season comprise:—

M.J.S.F.A.: Messrs. J. Fitzgibbon (Hon. Sec.); A. Robinson (Assistant Hon. Sec.).

P.C.S.F.A.: Messrs. R. H. Henry (Hon. Sec.); E. Meyers (Registrar).

Granville: Messrs. W. Allerton (Hon. Sec.); E. Degenhardt.

St. George: Messrs. A. Drew and Frank West.

Eastern Suburbs: Messrs. F. Haynes (Hon. Sec.); E. Vandruyen.

Ryde: Messrs. T. C. Wilkinson (Hon. Sec.); W. R. Dawson.

Canterbury: Messrs. C. Walker and F. Burton.

Manly: Mr. A. J. Humphreys (President).

With such an array of executive officers representing their various Associations, much good and expressions of mutual advantage should be manifested in the course of the monthly meetings during the present season. Junior football is expanding every year and naturally with every increase in the number of teams and players many things yet undone will no doubt arise, and be able to be set on foot to meet the ever-increasing demand for our game.

Although the exact number of teams affiliated to the various junior associations cannot be officially announced, it is safe to say there will be an increase of at least thirty over last year, thus bringing the number of junior teams past the two hundred mark, truly a magnificent record.

With a view of being able to finalise records Association Secretaries are reminded that applications for affiliation to the Board should be lodged with the Secretary by May 1st.

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES

1st Grade.

Granville beat Pyrmont 2—0
Canterbury beat E. Suburbs 2—0
Gladesville-Ryde beat Balmain 1—0

Annandale-Leichhardt and George, drew 2—2.

2nd Grade.

Canterbury beat E. Suburbs 2—0
Granville beat Pyrmont 2—0
Balmain beat Gladesville-Ryde 2—0

St. George forfeited to Annandale-Leichhardt.

CLUB LEAGUE.

A Division.

Auburn beat Callan Park 2—0
North Sydney Rangers beat Annandale-Leichhardt 2—0
Sunlight and Balmain drew, 1—1.
Pyrmont beat Lane Cove 4—0

B Division.

Alexandria beat E. Suburbs 2—0
R.A. Navy beat G.R. Holcombe 9—0.
Botany Albions beat Bankstown 2—0.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

1st GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F
Granville	2	2	—	—	—
Canterbury	2	2	—	—	—
Balmain	2	1	1	—	—
Gladesville-Ryde . .	2	1	1	—	—
Pyrmont	2	1	1	—	—
Ann-Leichhardt . . .	2	—	—	1	—
St. George	2	—	—	1	—
E. Suburbs	2	—	2	—	—

2nd GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F
Balmain	2	2	—	—	—
Canterbury	2	2	—	—	—
Granville	2	2	—	—	—
Ann-Leichhardt . . .	2	1	1	—	—
Pyrmont	2	1	1	—	—
Gladesville-Ryde . .	2	—	2	—	—
E. Suburbs	2	—	2	—	—
St. George	2	—	2	—	—

CLUB LEAGUE

A Division

	P	W	L	D	F
Auburn	1	1	—	—	—
N. Sydney Rgs. . . .	1	1	—	—	—
Pyrmont	1	1	—	—	—
Balmain Colliery . . .	1	—	—	1	—
Sunlight	1	—	—	1	—
Lane Cove	1	—	1	—	—
Callan Park	1	—	1	—	—
Ann-Leichhardt . . .	1	—	1	—	—

B Division

	P	W	L	D	F
Botany Alb.	1	1	—	—	—
Alexandria	1	1	—	—	—
R.A.N.	1	1	—	—	—
Bankstown	1	—	1	—	—
E. Suburbs	1	—	1	—	—
G. R. Holcombe . . .	1	—	1	—	—

Show Grounds, Sydney

England v. New South Wales

Saturday, May 30th

Special Notice

to

CLUB SECRETARIES, CORRESPONDENTS, AND OTHERS.

Gentlemen,—

The management of the "Soccer News" is desirous of placing on record its sincere thanks for the loyal and practical support given by you last season, and sincerely hope the same co-operation will be accorded during the current year.

Success is largely dependent on giving our readers news that is both reliable and of general interest. You are therefore earnestly requested to send along your contribution each week, the same to reach the Editor not later than 5 p.m. of a Tuesday.

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A PROTEST AGAINST A REFEREE'S DECISION.

Can it be Sustained?

One of the most difficult problems which has yet been put forward is submitted by A.M.N. (Edgbaston), says "Scrutator" in the "Sporting Star," (Eng.). I was asked on Saturday if it was possible to lodge a protest against the result of the match standing, on the ground that the referee had given a wrong decision. I told the club that no such action was allowed because a referee's decision was always final. During the week-end, a referee friend who is highly placed and is, I believe, a football legislator, has told me that I am wrong, and that in certain circumstances it is possible to sustain a protest against a referee's decision. The matter appears to me to be so important that it would interest all referees if you would write about it.

I wonder how many referees know that they are not entirely immune from the possibility of protest? Law 13 enacts that a referee's decision is final on points of fact connected with the play, so far as the result of the game is concerned.

But what are points of fact? The official cannot be contradicted on the score of time-keeping. If he declares that he has actually played the time he states he has, he may not be contradicted. He is also the sole judge of conditions; he may declare the ground too hard to play on, or more possibly (in this season) too soft.

If he decrees that a player has handled the ball or fouled another player, that a penalty kick was deserved or that a ball has passed over the goal line, his decision is final.

"A.M.N." is, however, faced with an entirely different ground of protest to any of the foregoing. The suggested objection is that he gave a wrong decision. Now, one must proceed warily in stating that protests have been sustained on the ground of decisions having been given which were contrary to the laws of the game. In the first place one has

no desire to find clubs seeking for such an opportunity—it would cause much unnecessary inconvenience to legislators and referees alike. In the second place not 1 per cent. of referees are ever likely to give a decision which is contrary to the laws. It is part of their duty to know the laws, and very few of their critics—even those who most readily denounce their inability to control a game—accuse them of lack of knowledge of the laws.

What could constitute an error on the part of a referee which would provide ground for protest? Of cases which have been reported this season alone, the following can be cited as examples: Refusal to allow missing player or players to come on to the field at any time during the game; awarding a penalty kick for an offence other than an infringement of Law 9; allowing a substitute in place of an injured player in a competition match, or allowing more than eleven players to take part on one side.

The last case I remember was where a referee awarded a penalty kick because a defending player held the ball between his legs when lying on the ground inside his own penalty area, but he neither handled the ball or fouled an opponent. From this penalty kick the only goal of the match was scored, and a protest was upheld because the penalty kick was given contrary to the laws of the game. This is a question of law and not one of fact, and the committee hearing the protest decided accordingly.

The case happened in Hampshire during this present season, so is not old history. Nor is the previous case, either, for that matter, because it is only two seasons ago that a club sustained a protest on the ground that for nearly half an hour their opponents had 12 players on the field. The explanation was a simple one. The team commenced playing with eight men, meanwhile members of the committee searched around for reserve or substitutes. Three were found, but whilst they were dressing one of the regular players who had dressed on the way to the ground came straight on to the field without going to the

PERSONALS.

Mr. S. A. Storey, Hon. Secretary of the N.S.W.S.F.A., manager of the English to all States for the Football Association (Aus.) Ltd., left last Sunday evening to meet Englishmen on their arrival Perth (W.A.) on May 5th.

Mr. C. P. Dixon, the Hon. Treasurer of the N.S.F.A., will conduct the duties of Hon. Secretary during Mr. Storey's absence.

Mr. Fred Robertson is proving a capable official as Hon. Secretary of the Granville District. With such an enthusiastic and efficient organiser, the Magpies' excellent prospects for premiership honors. Granville were winners in 1923 and 1924 seasons.

Mr. Alec Thompson guides destinies of the Gladesville District Club. Under his guidance, the club has developed rapidly, and gives promise of becoming one of the strongest combinations in the race for the Its win against Balmain for improvement.

W. Brown, Canterbury's back, is playing good football if he continues in his form, the Selection Committee will have no option in the selection of this young player.

The selection of W. Galt to go into training for the English matches is a tribute to the ability of this player, who came into prominence with Blues last year.

dressing-room. The player covered what had happened, thought the wisest plan was to wait until half-time when he could pass off unseen.

Unfortunately for the success of this arrangement someone taken an opportunity of catching them during the play, and the test was the consequence. A referee has to be on the alert for something more than offside fouls!